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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection **Activities: Submission for OMB** Review; Comment Request; NESHAP, **Benzene Emissions From Bulk Transfer Operations**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: NESHAP Benzene Emissions From Bulk Transfer Operations, Subpart BB, ICR Number 1154.05, OMB Control Number 2060–0182; expiration date January 31, 1999. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at http:// www.epa.gov/icr and refer to EPA ICR No. 1154.05

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NESHAP, Benzene Emissions From Bulk Transfer Operations, 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart BB, (OMB Control No.2060-0182; EPA ICR No. 1154.05) expiring 01/31/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The National Emission Standards for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Transfer Operations were proposed on September 14, 1989 and promulgated on March 7, 1990. The affected facility to which this subpart applies is the total of all loading racks,

handling a liquid containing 70 weightpercent or more benzene, at which benzene is loaded into tank trucks, railcars, or marine vessels at each benzene production facility and each bulk terminal. However, specifically exempted from this regulation are loading racks at which only the following are loaded: Benzene-laden waste (covered under subpart FF of part 61), gasoline, crude oil, natural gas liquids, petroleum distillates (e.g., fuel oil, diesel, or kerosene), or benzeneladen liquid from coke by-product recovery plants. In addition, any affected facility which loads only liquid containing less than 70 weight-percent benzene or whose annual benzene loading is less than 1.3 million liters of 70 weight-percent or more benzene is exempt from the control requirements except for the record keeping and reporting requirements in 61.305(i) Marine vessels were given a one year industry wide waiver of compliance, which was later extended to July 23, 1991, in order to allow for concurrent compliance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 61, subpart BB. Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make one-time-only notifications. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Monitoring requirements specific to benzene transfer operations provide information on the operation of the emissions control device and compliance with the standards. Semiannual reports of excess emissions are required. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance and are required, in general, of all sources subject to NESHAP Subpart BB. All reports are sent to the delegated State or Local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 09/04 /98 (63 FR 47279). No comments were

received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Benzene Emitters From Bulk Transfer Operations subject to NESHAP 40 CFR part 61, subpart BB.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 81.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly, Semi-Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 14,685 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No.1154.05 and OMB Control No. 2060-0182 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

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